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SUBJECT: FIRST REACTIONS TO KISSINGER-QUIJANO MEETING

1. PRESS GIVES PROMINENT AND FAVORABLE COVERAGE TO MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER QUIJANO. MANY NOTE THAT SECRETARY HAS PROMISED TO VISIT ARGENTINA THIS SUMMER IN CONNECTION WITH HIS VISIT TO SANTIAGO FOR OAS MEETING. FACT THAT MEETING TOOK PLACE AT ARGENTINE ENBASSY AND THAT SECRETARY NOTED HE VIEWED LUNCHEON WITH QUIJANO AS INITIATION OF HIS LATIN AMERICAN TRIP ALSO GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE.

2. MOST LOCAL PAPERS NOTE THAT THE TWO DISCUSSED INTER-AMERICAN POLICY AND THAT QUIJANO SUGGESTED TO SECRETARY THAT NEW DIALOGUE OR SIMILAR CONCEPT NEEDED TO BE REVIVED. REPORTEDLY QUIJANO ADDED THAT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE UNLESS OPEC EXCLUSIONS IN U.S. LAW APPLYING TO VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR WERE REMOVED.

3. SECRETARY KISSINGER QUOTED HERE AS SAYING THAT U.S. RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA ARE "VERY GOOD" AND THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES USUALLY EXPRESS THEMSELVES TO THE WORLD THROUGH 3-4 COUNTRIES, ONE OF WHICH IS ARGENTINA.

4. QUIJANO QUOTED BY LA OPINION REPORTER IN WASHINGTON
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AS SAYING THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER FOLLOWED HIS COMMENTS

ON THE MALVINAS QUESTION WITH "CLOSE ATTENTION." THE SUBJECT IS OF COURSE A SENSITIVE ONE HERE AND FACT THAT IT WAS RAISED WITH SECRETARY NOTED BY ALL PAPERS.

5. COMMENT: FROM FIRST REACTIONS IN ARGENTINA, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH QUIJANO HAS DONE MUCH TO REMOVE THE STING FROM FACT THAT ARGENTINA NOT ON HIS PRESENT LATIN AMERICAN ITINERARY. ARGENTINES ARE SENSITIVE TO GESTURE AND SYMBOLISM AND MOST APPRECIATE FACT SECRETARY MADE EFFORT TO GIVE MEETING WITH QUIJANO ADDED SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE. THE FAVORABLE REACTION IS ALSO IN PART EXPLAINED BY GREATER SENSE OF REALISM WHICH HAS BEGUN TO TAKE HOLD HERE VIS-A-VIS ARGENTINE FOREIGN POLICY POSSIBILITIES AT A TIME OF INTERNAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHAOS. INDEED, ONE COMMENTARY IN LA OPINION WHICH PRECEDED KISSINGER-QUIJANO LUNCHEON SPECULATED THAT SECRETARY'S PURPOSE IN HAVING LUNCH WITH QUIJANO AT ARGENTINE EMBASSY AND THUS GIVE MEETING MORE MEANING WAS HIS DESIRE TO UNDERLINE U.S. COMMITMENT TO REMAIN FRIENDLY WITH ARGENTINA WHILE NOT BECOMING OVERLY IDENTIFIED WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT. SAME LINE ALSO EVIDENCED IN CLARIN EDITORIAL WHICH, WHILE REGRETFUL SECRETARY COULD NOT VISIT ARGENTINA AT THIS TIME, CONCLUDED THAT TRUE REASON FOR HIS SKIPPING ARGENTINA COULD BEST BE EXPLAINED BY FACT THAT ARGENTINES DO NOT HAVE HOUSE IN ORDER.
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